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Richard Ken Hollander, Special Assistant to/DeLauer, DDR&E, Defense will be calling to set a briefing w/DCI on MX and ABM hopefully on the 17th in anticipation of an NSC meeting on November 18th or 22nd

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The attached gives you the agenda for your MX/Dense Pack briefing on Wednesday. Because Dick DeLauer will be introducing the presentation, you should be as well informed as any NSC member in anticipation of the NSC meeting later this week.

As I mentioned, Larry Gershwin is pulling together your NSC materials. The key question that you will be expected to address, of course, is how and how soon the Soviets are likely to be able to counter the MX Basing program. Larry's package will include Talking Points and the backup study on that question.

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Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Bill:

I am delighted that we will be giving you a briefing on the M-X program on 17 November. I am attaching an agenda and a very brief summary of what will be covered. Please contact me after the briefing if you have need of additional information or discussion on any aspect of the M-X program.

As you know, the Congress has required the President to report on his plan for permanent basing of M-X by 1 December 1982. I believe we are on a schedule that makes that possible.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Carlucci

Attachments

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION ON M-X

Following appropriate introductory remarks by Dr. Richard D. DeLauer, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Brigadier General Gordon E. Fornell, of the Air Staff M-X Office, will describe briefly the M-X missile and its program status. The first R&D test flight, initially scheduled three years ago, is projected to take place on that schedule in early 1983. General Fornell will then describe the four basing options that have received the most intense evaluations in recent months. They are to place M-X in existing MINUTEMAN silos, in MINUTEMAN silos with ballistic missile defense, in new superhard silos with wide spacing similar to that of MINUTEMAN, and in new superhard silos with close spacing. This latter option is called Closely Spaced Basing (CSB) and is the most promising candidate option. General Fornell will explain the CSB concept and the fratricide on which it depends.

Major General Grayson Tate will then explain ballistic missile defense concepts relevant to the second and fourth options for M-X deployment. He will spend most of his time on the defense that could be added to a CSB deployment when needed. He will explain how existing defense assets can be used effectively and what long-term developments are needed to deal with worst case potential threat increases.

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BRIEFING ON M-X

TO THE

DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker		
1300	Introductory Remarks	Dr. Richard D. DeLauer		
1315	Description of M-X Missile Basing Options Closely Spaced Basing	Brig Gen Gordon E. Fornell		
1400	Ballistic Missile Defense	Maj Gen Grayson Tate		
1420.	Wrap-Up and Questions and Answers	Dr. Richard D. DeLauer		